

fairy tale satire

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Satire: Writers use satire to ridicule the shortcomings of people or institutions in an attempt to bring about change. Satire can cover a wide range of tones, from gentle mocking to harsh ridicule.

Your Mission: Choose a popular fairy tale and re-write it in the form of a satire. You may work with a partner on this or on your own. Your final product should be one page handwritten.

Satirical Techniques Definitions: The following techniques to make a comment or criticism about a particular subject or character.

Exaggeration: To enlarge, increase, or represent something beyond normal bounds so that it becomes ridiculous and its faults can be seen.

Caricature is the exaggeration of a physical feature or trait. Cartoons, especially political cartoons, provide extensive examples of caricature.

Burlesque is the ridiculous exaggeration of language. For instance, when a character who should use formal, intelligent language speaks like a fool or a character who is portrayed as uneducated uses highly sophisticated, intelligent language.

Incongruity: To present things that are out of place or are absurd in relation to its surroundings. Particular techniques include oxymoron, metaphor, and irony.

Parody: To imitate the techniques and/or style of some person, place, or thing in order to ridicule the original. For parody to be successful, the reader must know the original text that is being ridiculed.

Reversal: To present the opposite of the normal order. Reversal can focus on the order of events, such as serving dessert before the main dish or having breakfast for dinner. Additionally, reversal can focus on hierarchical order—for instance, when a young child makes all the decisions for a family or when an administrative assistant dictates what the company president decides and does.